

I-405 Projects Update

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Kingsgate Freeway Station Flyer Stop Closure in Kirkland

What's closing?

The flyer stops at the Kingsgate Freeway Station (I-405 at NE 132nd St.). Flyer stops are the small bus shelters directly adjacent to the freeway that allow buses to pick up passengers by only making a quick diversion off the freeway mainline.

When are the flyer stops closing?

Saturday, June 4, 2005.

How long will the flyer stops be closed?

Until late 2006 (approximately 2 years).

What about the Kingsgate Park-and-Ride lot?

The Kingsgate Park-and-Ride lot will remain open throughout construction.

Why are we closing the flyer stops?

WSDOT and Sound Transit are building the Totem Lake Freeway Station, which will include flyer stops at the top of new ramps in the I-405 median at NE 128th Street. These flyer stops will replace the Kingsgate Freeway Station flyer stops. There will be a long, covered pedestrian walkway along the NE 128th Street bridge connecting the Kingsgate Park-and-Ride lot to the passenger shelters at the top of the ramps in the freeway median. Buses will stop at the top of the ramps and then continue directly back into the HOV lanes.

Why are WSDOT and Sound Transit building a new bridge and ramps at NE 128th Street?

The new direct access ramps will allow carpools, vanpools and buses to enter and exit the I-405 HOV lanes without merging through three lanes of traffic. The NE 128th Street bridge will provide a new east-west route over I-405 for all drivers. The project will make trips faster and safer for drivers and transit users.

Is Sound Transit providing any other transportation options during the flyer stop closure?

Yes, Sound Transit is funding a King County Metro shuttle (Route 630) between the Kingsgate Park-and-Ride lot and the Bellevue Transit Center. Sound Transit will also increase service to the nearby Brickyard Park-and-Ride lot (I-405 and NE 160th Street), with ST Express Route 532 serving the stop during construction.

Where can I find out more about the project or shuttle service between the Kingsgate Park-and-Ride and the Bellevue Transit Center?

Visit Sound Transit's [Totem Lake Freeway Station Project Web site](#).

What are my options for getting around during construction?

Crews are scheduled to begin work on the Totem Lake Freeway Station next month, so now is the time to start planning for your transportation during construction. You're already one step ahead by belonging to our e-mail update list. We want to help you with short-term transportation solutions while we're working on long-term improvements.

Here are some ways you can get where you're going during I-405 construction in Kirkland:

- plan your trips before you go
- check [real-time traffic information](#) on our Web site or call 5-1-1
- take alternate routes where available
- [form carpools or vanpools](#)
- [ride the bus](#)
- allow extra time
- reschedule trips

June Bus Service Changes

Sound Transit

Early next month, changes in service and fares will become effective for several Sound Transit Express bus routes that use I-405 (including 530, 532, 535, and 550). For details, please read [Sound Transit's June 2005 rider alert flier](#).

King County Metro

King County Metro's service changes will go into effect Saturday, June 4. Metro's June rider alert details will be available beginning next Thursday, May 26. Please visit [Metro's service change Web site](#) for the latest information.

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